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AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For : CORE SAMPLE COLLECTOR EQUIPPED  
WITH STERILIZING AGENT-APPLYING  
MECHANISM AND METHOD OF TAKING  
CORE SAMPLE

Art Unit : 3672

Examiner : DANIEL P. STEPHENSON

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S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2007  
the term for response to which expires on October 2, 2007.

**Amendments to the Specification** are set forth on page 2 of  
this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Claims 1 and 3-9  
are amended; claim 2 is canceled; and claims 10-19 are added.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.